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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

The government rules around issuing a fit/sick note (Med3) are that a medical professional can only issue a Med3 when an individual has been sick due to an illness for more than 7 calendar days (including weekends).

For any period of illness less than seven days you can self-certify. Your employer should be able to provide an SC2 or it can be downloaded from the internet.

In light of coronavirus situation, it is inevitable that a number of employees may be required to quarantine themselves at home. For example, if a household member becomes unwell. In these cases a GP will not be able to issue a sick note as the time off work is not due to illness that has yet produced symptoms. Therefore the reason for isolation is a precaution rather than affecting your ability to work.

We therefore expect all employers to be sympathetic to the guidelines as lined out by the prime minister and understand the reason why you are self-isolating. Although we know this is a difficult time for you as an employer it is also equally important that your GP practices prioritise their workload and adhere to the government guidelines as needed.

Also, if your employee requires time off for childcare issues due to school closure, there is no requirement for the NHS to provide letters and we are also unable to provide information on which key workers might be.

This information has been provided by County Surgery to support its patients and their employee's. We hope you find this information useful.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

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